## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 359**

## By Hensley

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Shelby Layne Thompson for ranking ninth in her class at Lewis County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Shelby Layne Thompson is one such exceptional student who recently ranked ninth in the 2009 graduating class at Lewis County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Shelby has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary grade point average and has demonstrated tremendous leadership through her involvement in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Ms. Thompson was a member of the volleyball team, softball team, Math Club, Science Club, Anchor Club, 4-H Club, and a four-year member of Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, an incredibly gifted athlete, Shelby garnered several awards and honors for her volleyball prowess, including nomination to the All-District team in 2008 and 2009, the Most Valuable Offense Award in 2008 and 2009, and the Most Valuable Player Award in 2009; and

WHEREAS, an equally capable softball player, she was named to the All-District team in 2006 and 2008, the All-Tournament Team in 2007, the All-Region team in 2007, and the MTSCA All-Academic team in 2008 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades for academic success, Shelby was the recipient of a math award in 2006 and an English award in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thompson's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Shelby's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, David and Sandra Thompson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Shelby Layne Thompson upon ranking ninth in the 2009 Lewis County High School graduating class, applaud her remarkable academic success, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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